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# New building in Warrenton will double its size

By CASSANDRA PROFITA
The Daily Astorian

ARRENTON — Construction work has begun at the new Costco site on U.S. Highway 101.

The new store, scheduled to open in November, is going up on a 20-acre parcel across the highway from Home Depot. It is one of several new developments making progress in Warrenton.

Warrenton Costco store assistant general manager Jeff Hazen, also a Clatsop County commissioner, said the new building will be 134,000 square feet - nearly twice the size of the existing store – and will require about 50 additional employees. It will include optical and hearing centers, a full food court and a service deli. It will also carry the remaining 20 percent of Costco merchandise missing from the smaller store, which sits next to Fred Meyer in Warrenton.

"We're excited," said Hazen. "Sixteen years I've been waiting for this."

When credit markets buckled last year, Costco's development plans started looking a little shaky. In March, Mercer Island, Wash., developer Wes Giesbrecht, of North Coast Retail LLC (formerly Atlin Investments), told the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners he was having trouble getting financing and asked if he could pay half the \$8,653,000 asking price for property up front and half a year after the closing. The board said yes, and the purchase went forward.

The economy raised some questions on Costco's side of the deal, too.

"When the economy started to slow, Costco as a whole put a lot of projects on hold," said Hazen. "But the prices came down so significantly, the cost of raw materials came down so low that it made sense for us to go ahead and move forward."

Robinson Construction Co. of Hillsboro is the general contractor for the con-



ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian Looking west from SE 19th Street through the new Costco construction site July 13, Home Depot stands across U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton. The new store being built on a 20-acre parcel is scheduled to be open in November.

RIGHT: Warrenton's Custom Excavating stacks up logs, clearing the way for a new Costco.

struction job, and Ken Leahy Construction of Cornelius is doing the groundwork. Custom Excavating of Warrenton did some initial site preparation.

The current Costco building is for sale, Hazen said. It is one of the smallest Costco stores in the U.S. The company built it to test the market, and it long since proved to be a success. It will remain open until the new store comes online.

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## Costco: Other projects are in the works

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There will be two entrances to the Costco shopping center, one from U.S. Highway 101 at the stoplight installed for the Home Depot intersection and one on the other side of the Costco property at 19th Street. The county plans to build a road from 19th Street to Alternate Highway 101, through the roughly 55-acre undeveloped section of the North Coast Business Park. Hazen said the access from Highway 101 will give the new store better visibility than the old location, "and eventually there will be a lot of build out with other businesses. ... A lot of businesses like to locate by Costco because of the traffic we

Across the highway, a Staples office supplies store, a Dollar Tree and Big 5 Sporting Goods are scheduled to be built near the Home Depot. However, one of the parcels next to the Home Depot site that had been slated for a restaurant development is now up for sale.

Warrenton Planning Director Carol Parker said the developer of that site "obviously hasn't gotten any takers for the restaurant."

Parker said she has received a pre-application for another business that is looking to build next to Costco, but she hasn't gotten all the information that would allow her to share the name of the business.

Another unknown development is making headway up the high-way next to the Les Schwab Tire Center. Martin Nygaard, owner of Warrenton Fiber, has proposed a 153,239 square foot retail development with 656 parking spaces and 50 to 100 full-time jobs whose identity has not been revealed.

Nygaard has a 10-acre parcel near Shilo Inn off East Harbor Drive in Warrenton that he is also eying for development that has not been identified.

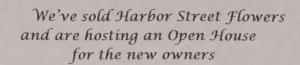


ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian Dirt and woody debris are cleared from the site of the new Warrenton Costco on U.S. Highway 101. At 134,000 square feet, the new building will be nearly twice the size of the old Costco and will employ an additional 50 people.

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Costco digs into new construction

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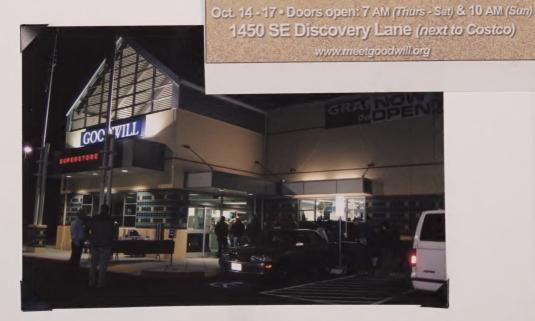
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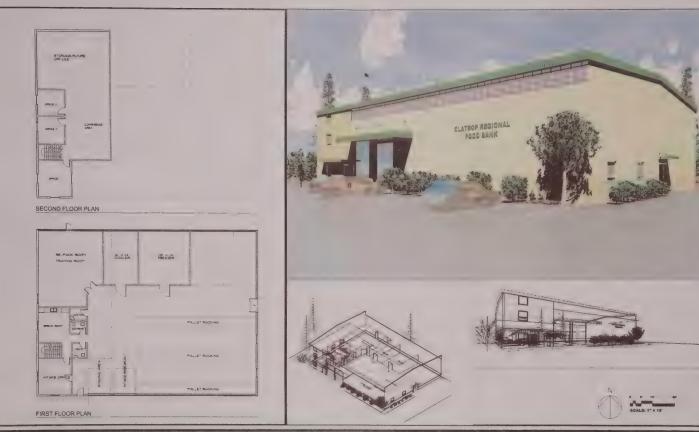








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#### CLATSOP REGIONAL FOOD BANK

#### "NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTER PROJECT"

# Facts You Should Know About Clatsop County

(2006-2007 Fiscal Year)

- 25% of people in Clatsop County received food assistance. 40% of those were children and 20% are senior citizens.
- 11,058 Emergency Food Boxes provided over 40,000 home cooked meals.
- Over 70,000 hot meals were provided at Emergency Meal Sites.
- 705,932 pounds of food were distributed by Clatsop Regional Food Bank.
- 2008 year-to-date distribution of emergency food is up 12% over 2007.
- Expected increases projected are to reach 20% by 2008 year end.

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## REGIONAL FOOD BANK

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony







FRIDAY
22 OCTOBER, 2010
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#### **Directions**

- From Oregon Coast Highway 101 turn onto Ensign Lane (towards Costco)
- Proceed to SE 19th Street; Turn RIGHT
- Follow SE 19th to the end in front of Northwest Seniors & Disability Services
- 2010 SE Chokeberry is on the LEFT!





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#### **PROGRAM**

Welcome

\*George Sabol, Executive Director, CCA

#### Invocation

\*The Reverend Richard Loop, CCA President

#### **Guest Speakers**

\*Gil Gramson,

Mayor, City of Warrenton

\*Rachel Bristol,

CEO, Oregon Food Bank

\*Marlin Martin,

Food Program Developer

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#### **Ribbon Cutting**

**Facility Tour** 

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#### **Project History**

In 2003, the CCA RFB moved into its dilapidated warehouse as a temporary location. A feasibility study was conducted in 2005 to determine the future facility needs and to prioritize possible sites to construct the needed facility. In 2006, the City of Warrenton sponsored an Oregon Economic Community Development Department Block Grant to partner with CCA to construct a new Regional Food Bank Warehouse. CCA facilitated acquiring a one acre parcel of land through a donation by Steve Olstedt, owner of Olstedt Construction, and Martin and David Nygaard (Warrenton Fiber Co.) The required environmental assessment was conducted by Frog Consulting, LLC. and architectural engineering was completed in 2009 by Chadborne and Doss Architects. Helligso Construction was awarded the contract to build the facility in August, 2009. In order to help fund the project, CCA acquired grants from the following:

The Ford Family Foundation
Meyer Memorial Trust
The Collins Foundation
The Kraft Foundation
The Oregon Community Foundation
Juan Young Memorial Trust
The Autzen Foundation
Samuel L. Johnson Foundation
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Oregon Food Bank

Groundbreaking occurred on 19 October, 2009, and construction started in March, 2010. The certificate of occupancy was approved on 9/27/10.

Fundraising for the building continues.

**Project Sponsor:** 

## The City of Warrenton

Project Management: Allen H. Saye

#### CONTRACTORS ON THE PROJECT

#### Helligso Construction Co.

(general contractor)

All City Glass of Oregon Barry Bray Construction Co. **CFM Builders of Oregon** Clatsop Electric, Inc. Clean Sweep Maintenance Inc. Coastal Plumbing, LLC Columbia Drywall Systems Inc. **Diamond Heating** Eagle Striping Services, Inc. **Engineered Products** Functional Surfacing, LLC Lindstrom & Son Construction Inc. National Fence Inc. Pagh Custom Woodworking Inc. **Rubensteins Contract Carpet LLC** GeoDesign Inc. **Coastal Surveying ACS Testing** 

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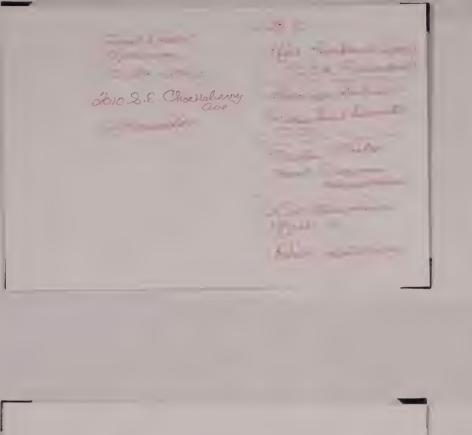


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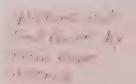






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Area: View 2; Basement: Garage Type: Year Built: Lot Acres: Total Full Baths:	Warrenton None No Attached 2010 0.12	Frontage: Style: Approx. SqFt.: Garage Stall: Year Built Remarks: Total Bedrooms: Total Half Baths:	None Traditional 1,610 2	View: Stories: SqFt Per: Garage Remarks: Lot Size: Total Bathrooms:	Mountain 2 Builder	
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Directions: Alt Hwy 101 past Airport Rd, approximately 1 mile to directional signs

Legal: Lot 97 Forest Rim

Public Remarks: Spacious new two story home under construction in Warrenton's new Forest Rim neighborhood. Features nice open kitchen dining area with slider to sunny Bar-B-Q deck & nice size Master bedroom. Home has sprinkler system in front yard and a nice size fenced back yard. This is The Highland design pick your colors now.

Listing Type: Tax Record: A 81034AB; Tax Miscellaneous	count ID Lot: 0480	Remarks: TB 0	D; Tax M	lap: Ha De Int Ra G: Uti	ternal Features: Roof: ardiplank; Foundation: Gek/Patio: Patio: Street ernal Features: Water ange/Oven; Microwave; arage Door Opener litties: Heating/Cooling: ty Property; Electric: Or roperty; Sewer: City Pro	Continuous Co Surface: Pave Heater: Gas; Window Cove Gas Forced / Property; Ga	oncrete; ed Dishwasher; erings; Air; Water:	Accessibilit Condo/PUD Manufacture	: Condo	/PUD (MC	QY): Monthly	
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Great/Family	1		15'6'	18'	Slider to patio	Bath #2	2		5'8'	9'8'		
Room						Bath #3	2		5'8'	9'8'		
Dining Room	1		9'	13'6'	Lots of windows.	Bedroom #4	2		15'8'	14'	Vaulted.	
Kitchen	1		10'	8'	Oak cabinets,	Utility Room	1		3'6'	3'8'		

131 Master. 2 Bedroom #1 10' 2 9'4' Bedroom #2 10' 2 9'4' Bedroom #3 229,900 List Price:

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10-960 Single Family Res Active \$199,900



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Area: Warrenton View 2: None Basement: No Garage Type: Attached Year Built: Lot Acres: Total Full Baths:

Frontage: None Style: Ranch Approx. SqFt.: 1,222 Garage Stall: 1 Year Built Remarks: Total Bedrooms: Total Half Baths: Zoning: RH

Tax Remarks:

View: Mountain Stories: SqFt Per: Builder Garage Remarks: Lot Size: Total Bathrooms: Taxes:

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Directions: Hwy 105 to Youth Authority road

Legal: Forest Rim Lot 96

Possession: COE

Public Remarks: Affordable single level home under construction in the new Forest Rim development. Features vaulted master and great room, laminate flooring in kitchen, nice size pantry, fenced back yard and irrigation system in front yard. Nice views of forest & hills. Choose your colors now External Features: Exterior Color. TBD, Roof:

Listing Type: Listing Type: Exclusive Right to Sell Tax Record: Account ID Remarks: TBD; Tax Map: 81034AB; Tax Lot: 04900 Miscellaneous: Levels: 1; Basement: Daylight;

Composition; OutBuildings. Barn, Siding: Other; Foundation: Continuous Concrete; Deck/Patio: Porch; Street Surface: Paved; Lot Type: Common/Condo Internal Features: Water Heater: Gas; Dishwasher; Range/Oven; Microwave; Window Coverings; Ceiling: Vaulted; Garage Door Opener; Other <u>Utilities</u>: Heating/Cooling: Gas Forced Air; Water: City Property; Electric: On Property; Gas: On Property; Sewer: City Property

Accessibility: Bed/Bath on Main. Yes Condo/PUD: Condo/PUD (MQY). Monthly Manufactured Home: Detitled?: No

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Dining Room	1		13'	6'	Vaulted with bult-in desk.	Bath #1	1		10' 6'	5' 10'	Hall bath, full tub/shower.
Kitchen	1		13'	10'	Nice siz e lots of	Bath #2	1		10' 6'	5' 10'	Master with shower.
					storage, eating bar.	Utility	G				
Bedroom #1	1		12	13	Vaulted.	Room					
Bedroom #2	1		10	10	Nice size closet.						
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### WARRENTON BUSINESS NEWS

## O'Reilly, Taco Bell, Auto Zone, Petco. all have Warrenton in their siahts

**By Gary Nevan** 

O'Reilly Auto Parts will not be located in the space between Staples and Dollar Tree as originally planned. according to City of Warrenton Planning Director Carol Parker.

instead, the company plans to construct a separate 7,741 square foot building on the corner of Highway 101, next to the Staples/Dollar Tree complex and directly south of Home Depot.

Parker said the company has submitted a building application that will go before the Warrenton Planning

Commission on April 21.

"They submitted a site design that does not adhere to the city's building design code and the planning commission will review it," she said.

Parker said she expects the store will be built by late summer after all applications are approved.

So what is going in the space between Staples and Dollar Tree?

Parker said she has been contacted by representatives from pet store giant, Petco, which has plans to open a new store in the 10,000

square foot space.

In other Warrenton development news, Parker said a Taco Bell restaurant is planned on the east side of Highway 101 near the new Goodwill store. She expects to receive formal building applications and site designs in May.

And Auto Zone plans to build a new store on Highway 101 next to Taco Bell. Those applications should also be submitted to the city sometime in May, Parker said. 4-8 2011



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# North Coast Business Park moves to second phase

WARRENTON — Clatsop County is beginning the next phase of development at the North Coast Business Park in Warrenton with the construction of a key route through the 270-acre site.

Big River Excavating is clearing vegetation and installing silt-control fencing along the route of Ensign Lane, which will run from U.S. Highway 101 east to Highway 101 Business. Bids for construction of the roadway will be sought this spring.

Completion is expected by late fall.

Work required under the access agreement between the county and the Oregon Department of Transportation covers traffic access to the business park.

The first section of Ensign Lane, between Highway 101 and Southeast 19th Street in Warrenton, was built by North Coast Retail LLC to serve the developer's new commercial area on the business park's western edge. The county is funding the construction of the street's second phase, which has an estimated price tag of \$3 million. Installation of the road, along with utilities and other infrastructure in the rest of the business park, will be funded by the proceeds from the sale of the commercial property.



Equipment from Big River Excavating clears vegetation from the Ensign Lane route.

Submitted photo

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# Retail center takes shape

New massive store on tap in Warrenton

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Taco Bell is almost up; Wanna's bought its piece of the pie; Verizon will likely start construction of its new store in the near future; and the site review plan for a massive retail space has been submitted to the city of Warrenton.

In recent months, the North Coast Retail Center has seen some of its tenants start to take shape, and more are on the way to stake their claims around the Costco-anchored development.

"It's been difficult," said Wes Giesbrecht, the Washington state developer who's backing North Coast Retail LLC. "We started this project in the middle of the worst recession we've seen in 60 years. The fact that we've done as well as we have is surprising."

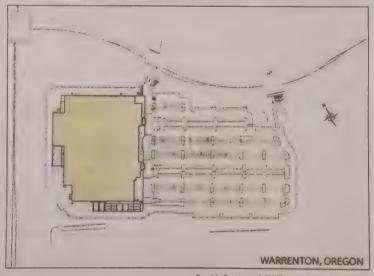
The biggest development, both literally and figuratively with rumors swirling of large retailers such as Walmart possibly coming to the North Coast, is a site review plan submitted to the city of Warrenton in mid-June for a proposed 153,500-square foot retail center to be built on the southeast corner of the highway and Ensign Lane, across the street from Costco.

The site is owned by local developer Ken Leahy, owner of Peaks View LLC, who bought the lot in May 2011 for \$6.34 million. He was unavailable for comment.

"We really can't speak to any negotiations," said Giesbrecht, keeping mum about which company could occupy the large center. He added that developers are deferring to the tenants, in terms of announcing who's coming in and when.



ALEX PAJUNAS — The Dally Astorian An undeveloped lot at the North Coast Retail Center in Warrenton looks across Ensign Lane toward the new Taco Bell as well as AutoZone and Goodwill. A site review plan for a 153,500-square foot retail center has been submitted for the lot.



Graphic Courtesy of JRH Transportation Engineering
There is a new, 153,500-square foot retail development proposed for the south side U.S.
Highway 101 between Ensign Lane and 19th Street in Warrenton. It includes space for
684 parking spots and two vehicle access points along Ensign Lane.

The building itself, in the site review plan, is situated south of U.S. Highway 101 between Ensign Lane and 19th Street, with 684 parking spaces to the east and two access points from Ensign Lane. There are two main entrances on the east side and a garden center on the south end.

The plan proposes a new traffic signal along Ensign Lane – east of Discovery Lane – to regulate traffic in an out of the retail center's and Costco's parking lots.

The entire site review plan – titled "North Coast Retail Center, Anchor #2" – is available for public review at the city of Warrenton's Building and Planning Department. There will be a public hearing on the proposed retail space at the Warrenton Planning Commission's meeting 7 p.m. Oct. 11, tentatively.

"Theoretically, it's good for

the city," said Planning Director Skip Urling about the proposed retail space. "It creates jobs and grows the tax base."

He said that any development over 10,000 square feet needs to be approved by the Warrenton Planning Commission and undergoes more public scrutiny. If the building is between 4,000 and 10,000 square feet, said Urling, it's an administrative decision that he makes. A tenant doesn't have to reveal themselves until they plan to put up a sign to advertise itspresence.

"If they want to put a sign up, they have to tell me what it's going to say," he said.

Wauna Federal Credit Union recently purchased the lot on the northeast comer of Ensign Lane and U.S. Highway 101 for \$554,000 as a site for their new branch, which will replace the existing location in Warrenton. CEO Robert Blumberg said Wauna is planning an approximately 3,500-square foot building, although the specifics have not been nailed down.

Urling added that people will likely see the siding going up on the new Taco Bell location, next to Wanna's corner lot, soon. The site was purchased last year for \$490,000 by Weber Properties Limited Partnership, which operates more than 25 Taco Bells throughout Oregon. Franchisee Michelle Weber said she liked Costco as the main anchor tenant, along with the roadway access.

Urling said the people building the Verizon store in between the Auto Zone and Taco Bell would like to have their building permit this month. Giesbrecht added that hopefully construction on the store will start this month too.

On the North Coast Retail

Center's website, there's also listed the logo for a pending Marshall's location on the southwest corner of Ensign Lane and 19th Street.

"That is up in the air as well," said Giesbrecht. "It's one of the reasons we're learning not to make announcements.

"In this economic environment – I guess in my view – anybody who can generate jobs and economic development should be embraced and encouraged;" said Giesbrecht in response to criticizes about the local development of corporately owned businesses. "In this economic climate, it just strikes me as a little odd that people would be opposed to jobs and economic development.

"I recognize there's an element that would like to see everything stay the same, but that won't help the people without jobs."

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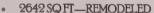












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# Making Dollar

INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES BY EDWARD STRATTON

#### Mark Charlton **Charlton Deep Sea Charters** 470 N.E. Skipanon Drive Warrenton

It's mid-August, and many of the big king salmon are starting to show up in the lower Columbia region, Capt. Mark Charlton of the Ruby Sea, named for his wife and his father's previous boats, is operating in Warrenton, continuing his family's tradition. Call 503-861-2429 (office), 503-338-0569 (boat phone) or visit www.ifish.net/charlton.html for more information.

#### What do you do?

"I crab commercially in the wintertime - 500 pots. We run that season Dec. 1. January. February, March, April, I start bringing the gear in in May, because I start my halibut charters in May, our sturgeon fishing in June, Salmon late June, July, August and September. Bottom fishing starts also in June for us, and our tuna when the water warms up, which is right about now. It started in mid-July all the way through September - sometimes later."

#### How did you get started doing this?

"My dad moved over from Montana in '48. He bought the Warrenton theater in Warrenton. when Warrenton still had a theater. While he was running the movies there, he befriended a few fishermen. He went out on a troller for salmon with this one guy and fell in love with ness? the ocean and sold the theater and bought a troller boat. That was in '49. In the boomer years - late '50s, '60s and even in the '70s he had six charter boats filling every day from May 1 through late September. I've been on boats since I was six - born in '58. I started deckhanding on the boats when I was 11, got my master's license when I was 18 and been running a boat ever since. My dad passed away in '94. I had to start a new business, in the same business but it's called Charlton Deep Sea Charters now instead of Warrenton Deep Sea."

What is the volume of your business?

"Winter-time, it's just strictly commercial. We don't run charters in the wintertime here. We start charter-fishing for the halibut and then the salmon. The rest of the species start May 1, and we run all the way until the people stop coming or the salmon get upriver, and that's usually mid-September to October. In the old days, when there wasn't the restrictions we've had now on the fisheries. I used to be able to take people out fishing all summer long. There were no certain days of the week salmon fishing until they stopped wanting to fish. Most of the time, it slows down after Labor Day, when the kids go back to school, In the past, before all the restrictions on the sturgeon, I used to fish sturgeon all the way into October."

#### How does the economy affect your busi-

"The last five or six years, it's been real down. The economy - I lost a lot of corporations. Ten or 15 years ago, I used to be booked up solid every year on corporations. As the economy hit, the corporations just started dropping off one after another. They just can't afford to do it anymore. I used to take 1,200 to 1,400 people a summer, and last year we were probably at 300 or 400 max. The price of operation keeps going up, and so if you can't fill that boat every day, it's hard to make a living. Insurance goes up; fuel goes up; bait goes up. It's pretty much been going backwards the last few years."

## Fred Meyer pushes out the aisles

The main thrust of the remodel will be the expansion of the store's food section

By EDWARD STRATTON The Daily Astorian

TARRENTON - Walmart isn't the only major national retailer that's increasing its footprint in Warrenton. The Fred Meyer, built in 1989 and currently at approximately 145,000 square feet, will add another 39,000 square feet on its northern side, with most of the expansion concentrating on the food services.

Fred Meyer has held that the expansion is not related to the possibility of a Walmart store. "We kind of outgrew our footprint," said

Store Manager Justin Downs.

He said there's no timetable for the completion of the remodel, which is scheduled to kick off in March or April and will cost approximately \$18 million. The last remodel at the Warrenton Fred Meyer was in 2001, and the store underwent a smaller "refresh," including new lighting fixtures, a couple years back.

"Group Mackenzie did the plan and design." said Amanda Ip, a special projects coordinator for Fred Meyer. "No construction group has been decided. Bids for the construction contract will go out in December.

"Construction will begin in April and the store is set to (have another) grand opening in late fall 2013."

Fred Mever purchased land formerly owned by Costco to the north - mostly parking areas - for approximately \$2 million in July 2011. It does not own the vacant portion of the

building adjacent to Big 5 Sporting Goods. although Downs said he hoped a Five Guys Burgers and Fries moved in.

He said the Warrenton Fred Meyer, which regularly draws customers from as far south as Tillamook and as far north as Raymond. Wash., performs very well for the more sparsely populated market it's in, often becoming the busiest store in its district, which includes branches throughout the Portland metro area.

"We're trying to give the customers some more elbow room," said Downs about the madhouse that forms during the summer tourist months. Around Fourth of July, said Downs, the store had about 47,000 people go through in a one-week period.

The main thrust of the remodel, said Downs, will be the expansion of the store's food section. He said the time around Fourth of July is when the store does its highest volume of food sales.

The remodel will result in wider aisles throughout the food section. In addition, several departments will be moved and/or expanded, along with the in-store branch of Starbucks.

Windows will line the expanded portion of eastern-facing walls, and a pedestrian walkway will be designed running down the middle of the parking area. Downs said that with the land purchase to the north, Fred Meyer will increase its overall parking.

During the remodel, all the tiled floors will be ripped out, leaving the cement throughout the store, which Downs said will make it



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Fred Meyer Store Manager Justin Downs says the Warrenton store plans to add on about 40,000 square feet to its northern side this March. The building currently stands at approximately 145,000 square feet.

easier to clean. The store will also add skylights and LED lights with motion detectors that turn off to save energy when nobody's around.

"We currently have about 280 associates, and we'll easily have 300-plus associates once the remodel is finished," said Ip about the resultant increase in employment. "Hard to tell right now that exact number."

Earlier this month, Fred Meyer finished the remodel of its fuel center that started in October.

Downs said it was to improve the entrance, which caused trouble for larger vehicles. RVs. boat trailers and other larger vehicles can now make the turn better, he said, and the fuel center causes less congestion with the store's parking lot. 0A 11.29.2012

#### Wauna Federal Credit Union Breaks Ground for new Warrenton Branch



Left to right; Debi Smiley, Executive Vice President COO & Project Manager (Waima FCU), Dong Circosta, Architect (Partin & Hill LLC). Jared Richenbach (Rickenbach Construction Inc.). George Dunkel, (Board Chair), Robert Blumberg, CEO & President (Waima FCU), Marc Silva (Waima FCU Warrenton Branch Manager), Dale Barrett, Engineer (HLB OLAK, Inc.).



EDWARD STRATTON — The Daily Astorian Maren Ludwig and Brad Hill, owners.

# Making the Dollar

INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES BY EDWARD STRATTON

Maren Ludwig and Brad Hill, owners Discover Paragliding! PO Box 638, Warrenton

Co-owners and married couple Maren Ludwig and Brad Hill found paragliding one of their passions in life. They also found a perfect spot in so many ways for it on the North Oregon Coast, where they relocated slightly more than a decade ago from Vancouver, Wash., to run their business, which Hill started in 1995 and Ludwig joined in 1997. Discover Paragliding! can be reached at 503-440-0733 or info@discoverparagliding.com, and you can often find them out on Sunset Beach - ask about the locals discount.

#### What do you do?

Brad: "We offer training, tandem flights through free flight and powered flight. And we go up to about 3,000 feet here on the beach, one of the best training locations in the country, really - top three, I would say."

Maren: "Just anything from the first day of training to we certify people all the way through the instructor courses, and the tandem courses, if someone wants to be a tandem instructor. We work with them through everything, basically, from most basic ratings through instructor ratings."

#### How did you get started doing this?

Maren: "I started in northern Germany. My brother was a pilot. A friend of his took me tandem, and that pretty much changed my life. I was so excited and just made that the biggest priority in my life."

Brad: "Back in the late 80s, I used to be into photography a lot, and I'd find myself up on the north side of Mt. Hood looking at the river valley thinking, 'there's got to be some way out there.' I knew about hang gliding, but how do you get a hang glider up on the side of a mountain? Years go by, and finally on a TV show I see this new sport just entered the U.S. called paragliding. Two weeks later, I was taking classes, because that was the way. That's been 21 years ago."

#### What is the volume of your business?

Brad: "Peak season is late March through

early, mid-October, peak of course being August and September like everything on the beach."

Maren: "Hundreds of tandem passengers every season and maybe a couple dozen students. In the beginning, they usually do like a 10-plusday training course in order to get certified to where they can start flying on their own without an instructor present. You come back for some advanced classes. Over time, while they continue to fly without an instructor, they come back for a lesson here and there to work on more advanced skills. For students, it's probably people in their 30s, because they're old enough to have enough money. It's a bit of a balance between having enough time and having enough money."

#### How does the economy affect your busi-

Brad: "We actually found that when the economy was really bad, we did better beacuse the local vacation concept really helped us out. Instead of going to Hawaii or whatever, people came to the beach."

Maren: "For tandem flights, it was not slowing down at all, because a lot of people could not afford that really fancy vacation. They could do fun stuff like that on weekends. For training - students that would commit to the whole package and buy all the equipment - we could feel that people were a little more nervous to spend that kind of money for a couple years there. But it's definitely bounced back."





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Warrenton Highlands, a 44,504-square-foot retail center located at 1629 Ensign Lane, is currently on the market for \$9.41 million. — SUBMITTED PHOTO

#### Capital Pacific puts Warrenton Highlands retail center on market

WARRENTON — Commercial real estate brokerage firm Capital Pacific announced March 28 that it closed on the Verizon Wireless property and has the Warrenton Highlands retail center listed for sale in

Warrenton. Both properties are retail in nature and reflect the improving real estate market for owners and investors of commercial real estate.

Constructed in late December 2012, the

3,500-square-foot Verizon property located at 1490 S.E. Discovery Lane sold for \$1,150,000 to a private individual out of San Diego, Calif.

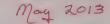
Warrenton Highlands, a 44,504-squarefoot retail center located at 1629 Ensign Lane, is currently on the market for \$9.41 million. Built in 2010 by a prominent Northwest development partnership, the property has leased up quickly during the recession with strong national tenants such as Staples, Petco and Dollar Tree.

"The real estate market for well-located retail property in the smaller Northwest markets has improved dramatically over the past 12 months" says Kevin Adatto, partner of Capital Pacific — "Properties in these coastal areas, which were out of favor over the past few years, are now garnering a lot of interest from Northwest investors who are familiar with these great towns and sub-

markets."

"Capital Pacific has always focused on the Northwest market and sourcing private investors from the area — 80 percent of all commercial properties in Oregon are sold to somebody from Washington or Oregon, so we are well positioned to provide a valuable service to our clients that are interested in selling or investing in these types of properties," said Sean Mack, another partner of Capital Pacific.

Capital Pacific is one of the leading commercial real estate investment sales and advisory firms in the nation, with offices in Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. Capital Pacific closed 153 transactions totaling \$470 million in 2012, making it the top-ranked investment brokerage firm in the Northwest. Capital Pacific is focused on investment sales and does not provide leasing, property management, residential or multi-family services.



#### Warrenton Highlands retail center sold

By EDWARD STRATTON The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Warrenton Highlands retail center, which includes Petco, Staples, Dollar Tree, Farmers Insurance, Serendipity Caffe and Columbia Memorial Hospital's Primary Care Clinic, sold May 30 to Phoenix-based property investor Cole Real Estate for \$8.65 million.

"We don't know of any proposed changes," said Kevin Adatto, the broker for commercial real estate brokerage firm Capital Pacific who closed the deal between Cole and the seller, FWI Oregon II, LLC. "The center is relatively new construction and at 96 percent occupancy. It's unlikely that the center is repositioned or changed in any meaningful way."

The 44,500-square foot facility, built in 2010, has been listed since the beginning of the year, said spokesman Jake Raiton of Capital Pacific. On March 28, it completed the sale of the property catty-corner to Warrenton Highlands housing the recently opened Warrenton Verizon store. It sold for \$1.14 million to a private individu-



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The Warrenton Highlands retail center, which includes several large-scale retailers along with Serendipity Caffe and Columbia Memorial Hospital's new clinic, sold May 30 to Phoenix-based Cole Real Estate for \$8.65 million.

al from San Diego.

"Many investors, especially over the past five years, haven't been interested in the smaller markets of Oregon, which would include the North Coast," said Adatto. "I think the recent activity is indicative of Capital Pacific's ability to find and convince buyers to look in smaller healthy markets ... as well as the general improvement of event

the commercial real estate market, which gives investors the confidence to look at properties located in smaller markets."

First Western Development Services in Edmonds, Wash., bought 5.5 acres from the adjacent Home Depot and began construction on three buildings for Staples, Big Five and Dollar Tree. Petco eventually replaced the Big Five concept, and O'Reilly's bought another parcel of land from Home Depot next door for its Warrenton location.

A second phase of the project added another 18,000 square feet of retail space to the complex for smaller businesses such as Farmers Insurance and Serendipity Caffe. CMH announced in late 2012 that it would open its CMH Primary Care Clinic this summer.

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#### Groundbreaking for new Memory Care facility set

WARRENTON — Dolphin Partners and Clatsop Care Center Health District announce a groundbreaking event for a new 32-bed Memory Care Community at 3 p.m. Friday at 2219 S.E. Dolphin Ave. in Warrenton. A reception will follow the groundbreaking event at the Uptown Café, 1639 S.E. Ensign Ave. in Warrenton.

This facility will be licensed as residential care and will serve those with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and supports a design to meet this purpose. The building is designed for four congruent households, each housing eight people with six private and one semiprivate unit. The design also includes a large and secure interior courtyard and exterior courtyards on the east and west sides of the building.

The architect is Bill Whitney of Whitney & Associates Architects, and Todd Pomerening is the lead project architect. Olstedt Construction, in a build-to-suit, lease-to-own arrangement, will do the project construction and will seek bids for electrical, plumbing, concrete, etc. The intention is to use as many local contractors as possible.

Mitch Mitchum and Anita Schacher will represent the Health District as project managers.

This project comes about by a partnership with Dolphin Partners, who will build and own the new facility, and lease it to Classop Care Center Health District to operate. The Health District will have the option to purchase the building at a later date.







#### Clatsop's Dolphin Road Memory Care

Groundbreaking

July 26, 2013

3:00 p.m.



Opening Remarks: Paul Radu, Board of Directors

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Steve Olstedt, Dolphin Partner's

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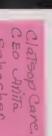






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# Care center breaks ground on memory care





#### By EDWARD STRATTON The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — During her 30year career with the Clatsop Care Center Health District, outgoing CEO Anita Schacher has lived through several false starts involving her employer's attempts to establish a muchneeded service in north Classop County: memory care.

Failed attempts accompanied the district's main campus expansion in 1991, new assisted living center in 1999, takeover of a nearby nursing home in 2000, discussion of an entirely new campus and its near-miss on a partially state-funded multiuse care center at Mill Pond.

In a sort of indirect parting gift for her service, the soon-retiring Schacher will oversee her district's expansion into a new \$6-million, 32bed Memory Care Community on Dolphin Avenue in Warrenton, the ground was broken Friday for the facility's construction by the development group Dolphin Partners.

'There was no way we could do development without help for the taxpayers," said Schacher, adding that just before the economy tanked in 2008 the board had thought briefly of asking taxpayers to help fund a new campus including a memory care center. "Every penny we get from operations goes into operations."

The district's most recent attempt to specially house those with

Alzheimer's and other dementias came with its On the Move grant from the state in 2009 to build a pioneering community-based care center at Mill Pond. It would have served those with dementia or traumatic brain injuries, as well as bariatric patients in the 200- to 400- or 450-pound weight

But a state employee misrepresented the project, and the 50-50 grant was pulled days before groundbreaking. Board member Mitch Mitchum said the district had spent \$600,000 on the center's design by that point, and ultimately lost about a half a million dollars on the project.

Around that time, said Schacher, Steve Olstedt of Olstedt Construction in Seaside approached the district with an idea. He had already constructed facilities for Northwest Senior & Disability Services, letting the agency lease with an eventual option

"There's a real need for these kinds of things," said Olstedt, who's part of Dolphin Partners with Bruce Ritchey. "With the aging of our population, it's only going to get worse.

So Dolphin Partners, using Olstedt Construction as the general contractor, will construct Clatsop Care Center's new Memory Care Community for between \$5.8 and \$6.2 million, signing a 30-year lease with the agency including an option to buy after 15 years.

The community, which Schacher



Submitted photo Anita Schacher, the outgoing CEO of Clatsop Care Center Health District, said the exterior of its new Memory Care Community, being built by Dolphin Partners, will look more like a high-end motel than an institution.



On Friday, from left, Clatsop Care Center CEO Anita Schacher, board member Karen Burke, Bruce Ritchey and Steve Olstedt of Dolphin Partners and board member Paul Radu broke ground on CCC's new Memory Care Community on Dolphin Avenue in Warrenton.

and Mitchum have a direct hand in ing both the lease and operations. designing, includes four separate households. Each will include six separate rooms for patients, one joint room, a bathroom and a common area where they can intermingle.

"The exterior looks more like a high-end motel than an institution," said Schacher about its pitched roofs and three courtyards. The community plans also boast a spa, salon and conference rooms. The entire facility, completely secure as per state standards on memory care centers, will be ringed by an access driveway.

"My mantra is providing peace, pleasure and purpose," said Schacher about providing patients a better quality of life in place of medication.

"There are currently about 40 people (in Clatsop County) with memory care needs that aren't being served. We've already started a waiting list and have eight. And we just broke ground.'

The operation of the Memory Care Community will add 30 to 35 employees to Clatsop Care's payroll and cost \$1.2 million a year, includ-

Necanicum Village in Seaside is the only other provider with a dedicated memory care space in Clatsop County, and Mitchum said he's heard ones to Centralia, Wash., and other far-flung locales to get them dedicat-

Besides Necanicum, said Schacher, most dementia and Alzheimer's patients are mixed in with other patients, making it more difficult for staff to train. Clatsop Care's main campus can't even serve those with wandering behaviors, because it's not

advised Olstedt on the state standards for a proper memory care facility, and Olstedt said all the plans, to be finalized by next week, are up to snuff.

He hopes to finish the outside of the structure by November, adding about a year to finish.

Schacher's retirement party from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 16 in the McTavish Room will be the kickoff for the Clat-



Submitted photo **Outgoing CEO Anita Schacher of** the Clatsop Care Center Health District celebrates the groundbreaking of the service's new Memory Care Community.

sop Care Center Foundation, a nonprofit it will use to raise money for equipment. The event is open to the public. 9.1.20/3 DA



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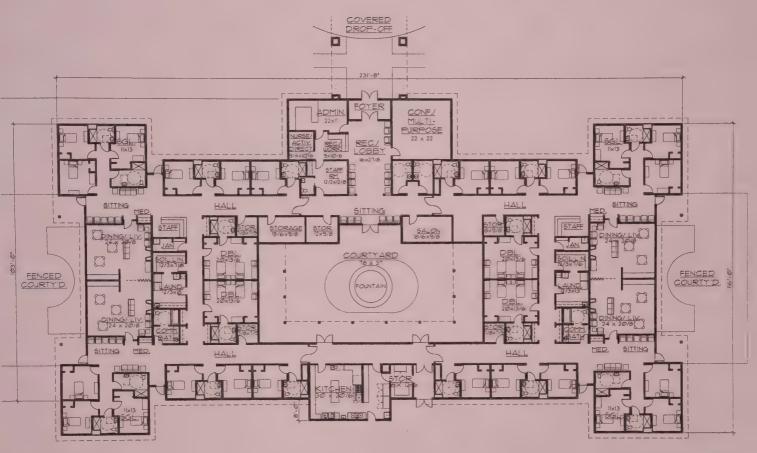
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## A place dementia patients can call home



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Marlin Hedum, right, and Aram Case, with Tri-County Drywall Inc. in Oregon City, attach a section of drywall to the joists above a hallway inside the Clatsop Care Memory Community in Warrenton. The 22,000-square foot building will house 32 residents diagnosed with dementia-related diseases.

#### New Memory Community offers security next spring

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — In 2012, about 76,000 Oregonians were living with Alzheimer's disease, according to a state task force created to analyze the effects of dementia-related diseases in Oregon. The number is expected to increase to 110.000 by 2025.

After several false starts over the years, and finally breaking ground in July 2013, Clatsop Care Center Health District hopes to add one of the region's only dedicated dementia care centers, the Clatsop Care Memory Community, by

The health district's CEO Nicole Williams said there are already 27 people on the waiting list for the 32-resident community at 2219 S.E. Dolphin Ave., in Warrenton, which she said would likely open by April 1.

Helping the health district in this endeavor and building the



Bruce Olson, owner of Bruce Olson Tile and Stone in Gearhart, and Ruben Jantes shape and piece together stone along a wall near the front entry of the new Clatsop Care Memory Community in Warrenton.

22,000-square foot community is Dolphin Partners LLC, headed by developers Steve Olstedt and Bruce Ritchie.

"This is a really low-risk venture for us," said Williams about the partnership, in which the health district leases the building from Dolphin Partners, a portion of its payments going toward the purchase of the building. After 25 years, there's an option to purchase.

"We're not in this business to make money," said Williams, adding that the district's done several financial analyses to make sure it could afford the expansion. "This facility should sustain itself."

Williams said people can be physically healthy when coming down with dementia and live with it for decades.

The community's design is based on creating familiarity for its residents. Former CEO Anita Schacher described it as more of a high-end motel than an institution, with its pitched roofs and courtyards. While its outside largely has taken shape, the insides remain all studs, wires, pipes and ducts, as crews install utilities and prepare to start insulating before hanging drywall.

#### **MORE INFO**

The community is taking applications for residents. Call 503-468-0904.

'The whole building is built around the courtyard.'

- Nicole Williams
CEO, Clatsop Care Center Health

#### A familiar neighborhood

The main entrance to the building, off Dolphin Avenue, passes by the administrative offices in a large lobby ending in a fireplace. Behind is a large courtyard, still a construction site piled with dirt and weeds, which will eventually provide a patio, raised gardens and the secured nexus of the community.

"The whole building is built around the courtyard," said Williams, citing the importance of security in dementia care — in addition to secured doors and cameras, the entire building will be ringed by a perimeter fence.

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## Home: Memory care patients require familiarity



ALEX PAJUNAS — The Dally Astorian Exterior patios and landscaping are still taking shape at the Clatsop Care Memory Community. The building design is based around creating familiarity for its residents.

The community is divided equally into four households arrayed around the central courtyard, with eight residents each. Within the household are one semi-private (20-by-15-foot) and six private (10-by-10-foot) units.

Williams said memory care patients demand familiarity. Each neighborhood will have its own color scheme, each room its own collection of mementos outside the door to help residents remember their rooms and the room filled with their own furniture to make it feel more like home.

A main kitchen will send meals to two small kitchenettes on either side of the building, where residents will be able to help with minor preparation of their meals and eat at conventional meal times or on their own schedules.

People with dementia lose some of their mental capacity while retaining much of their physicality, said Williams, so the community needs to keep them continually engaged. In various common areas, it will offer exercise, art projects and other activities, work spaces, televisions, an aquarium and other entertainment. The community will even include its own beauty salon.

Staying in the community costs \$5,500 to \$7,000 a month, said Williams, depending on the level of care. The health district plans to fill a percentage of the memory community with Medicaid recipients, she added, based on the percentage of people in the region accessing Medicaid.

To provide all those ser-Williams said the health district is hiring about 25 new employees overall. It will transfer some existing employees to provide a veteran presence at the new community. It's mostly looking for caregivers, who Williams said don't need to be certified. along with some cooks, a registered nurse and a building administrator. It begins the hiring process in February.

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ALEX PAJUNAS - The Daily Astorian ProBuild's Chance Banta, middle, Marty Parsons, left, and Marcus Johnson load sheetrock onto a cart inside the Clatsop Care Memory Community Monday. The building, operated by the Clatsop Care Center Health District will be the county's first dedicated care center for people with dementia.

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construction on Dolphin Avenue. "That's where the need

Schacher previously estimated about 40 people in Clatsop County with dementia are not being served. Williams, who said the health district serves a small population of dementia patients in its Clatsop Care Center, added that locals forced to place family members in Portland facilities are already looking to move them back out to the coast, and people are calling weekly wondering when the new center will open.

The health district operates its 71-bed, long-term care facility on 16th Street in Astoria, inside the nearly 100-year-old former Columbia Memorial Hospital. It also runs Clatsop Retirement Village and Clatsop In-Home Care Services.

As the Memory Care Community comes together, said Williams, the health district is also looking at how to replace its current care center in the next seven to 10 years and how to expand its in-home care program.

"As long as someone can stay in their home," said Williams, "it's generally better for them."

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### Salon adds new tanning beds, tuxedo rentals

WARRENTON — Casual Elegance Salon & Tanning, 137 and 139 S. Main Ave. in Warrenton, owned by Scott and Darla Green, has added new services, including tanning, with two high-performance beds and one low-pressure bed.

An aqua massage unit is for customers who don't like the hands-on approach of massage. The customer is fully clothed, but massaged by 36 jets at varying pressures and frequency, and never gets wet.

Tuxedo rentals are a new venture, adding to the services already provided to make the business a one-stop-shop for weddings, proms and other formal events. A line of clothing, provided by Brandy Sperle, including jeans, shirts, belts, purses, wallets, hats and accessories to match, has been added.

The salon staff includes: Darla Green, who does hair color, perms, highlights and men's and women's cuts; Brandy Sperle, who specializes in manicures, pedicures, waxing, eyelash tinting, gel nails and shellac; Darcy Wiegardt provides permanent (tattooed) cosmetic procedures that include eyebrows, eyeliner (top and bottom) and lip liner and fill; and Scott Green, tanning, aqua massage and tuxedo rental.

Hours are Monday through



Submitted photo

Casual Elegance Salon & Tanning staff, from left, Darcy Wiegardt, Darla Green, Brandy Sperle and Nelda Kendrick.

Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information, or to make an appointment, call 503-861-0131. 好, 2, 2013

### Gannaways' building jewelry showroom

WARRENTON —The Gannaway brothers hope to have the new showroom for their made-and-designed-in-Warrenton jewelry open late this year.

The new building has been a long time coming, said co-owner Jim Gannaway. It will be on Marlin Avenue, just down from the Dairy Queen. GB Jewelers is converting the former Southern Baptist Church into a new showroom and rental space. The plan calls for an addition of 2,250 square feet.

The Gannaways bought the building in 1998. The plan was part of a co-development with the Bank of the Pacific, which is under construction next door. The project was put on hold when the economy crashed in 2007.

Developing the site has been a daunting process, Jim Gannaway said. He credits the partnership with Bank of the Pacific for helping to ease the pain.

"The bank's assistance was absolutely crucial in bringing this project to completion," he said.

In addition to the expanded showroom,

the new building will include two 1,200 square foot spaces, a 440 square foot space and a 613 square foot space.

The Gannaways are especially interested in renters in the financial services. With two banks a stone's throw away, it's a natural fit, Gannaway said.

"If anyone gets ahold of us soon, we'll be able to build to suit," Jim said. "If someone wants the whole downstairs, there're are some variations ... let me put it this way: We got more flexibility with the studs showing."

Contact Jim Gannaway at 503-861-1481 for information on retail space.

The Gannaways have been in the Astoria-Warrenton area since 1974. Tim opened their first shop in the Liberty Theatre building in 1974. Jim followed in 1975. They operated there for nine years before moving to their current location in the Youngs Bay Plaza.

GB Jewelers is a full-service jewelry store offering items ranging in price from under \$100 to custom jewelry priced over \$20,000.



# **Store Closing Sale**

Where: GB Jewelers, Young's Bay Plaza, Warrenton 503-861-1481

When: Wednesday, November 13th, 12:00 noon to 8:00pm

Thursday, November 14th, 9:30am to 8:00pm

1/3ct tw Diamond Wedding Set

Was \$2,134 Now \$426

14K White Gold GBJ Hand Engraved Diamond Wedding Set

Was \$2,860 Now \$998

14K Yellow Gold 1/2ct Total Weight Diamond Ring

Was \$2,200 Now \$660

Was \$4,380

A Few Items that Must be Sold

#### Terms of the Sale

- All normal warranties apply
- · Sizing included with sale
- Appraisals not included (\$85 per item)
- We accept cash, check, or credit card
- All sales are final No refunds
- All items sold as is No customizing
- No Layaways
- No trade-ins

Our store will be closed on the Monday and Tuesday preceding this pre-sale event for our customers. The liquidation sale will be advertised and open to the public starting Friday, November 15th.

14K Yellow or White Gold Pearl Earrings

Was \$89 Now \$29

14K White Gold Clasp 16" High Luster Pearl Strands

Was \$350 Now \$99

14K White Gold
Fantasy Cut Amethyst Ring

Was \$886 Now \$330

14K White Gold 1ct Ruby and Diamond Ring

Now \$1,480

9.25mm Diamond Cut Soft Bangle

Was \$2,340 Now \$670

in two-tone Wedding Set

Was \$12,400 Now \$7,980

### Wednesday and Thursday, Nov 13 and 14

# **Store Closing Sale**

Private Showing
Preferred Customers Only
You're Invited

Many Items Below Cost

Up to 70% Off



Gannaway Bros. Jewelers shortened the name of their store to GB Jewelers in 2008

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

After more than three decades in the same store, we have decided to close our Young's Bay Plaza location. While we are a little sad to go, our sadness is mixed with excitement as we are in the process of building a new store (see architectural rendering on back) with new jewelry and new jewelry collections.

We must liquidate everything! Hundreds of wedding rings, fashion jewelry, and pre-owned and estate jewelry. Jewelry counters, fixtures and safes—Everything must go!

This is a "*Private Invitation*" for you and your guests to an unadvertised 2 day pre-sale event on Wednesday, November 13th and Thursday, November 14th. We have NEVER had a sale like this, and we want our customers to have the <u>first chance at</u> these give-away prices.

Jim Gannaway Tim Gannaway



Bill and Nisa Blackler own Nisa's Thai kitchen, a new restaurant along Harbor Drive in Warrenton next to the Skipanon River, — EDWARD STRATTON PHOTO

#### Nisa's Thai kitchen opens in Warrenton

By Edward Stratton EO Media Group estratton@crbizjournal.com

WARRENTON — For upward of 18 years, Kim Fuhrmann and her restaurant, Kim's Kitchen, offered traditional Korean food, until health and age — she doesn't know quite how old she is, although she lived in Korea during the Japanese occupation — forced her to retire.

Now a more recent Asian immigrant, Nisa Blackler, has taken up the call, opening the North Coast's second Thai restaurant.

"I think people, when I talked with the people here, they love Thai food," said Blacker, the main force behind Nisa's Thai Kitchen with her husband, Bill Blackler, a co-owner and investor. "We need more choice. This is a new choice for the people."

Nisa's, located at 575 E. Harbor St. just before the bridge over the Skipanon River, cooks up all the usual Thai favorites — pad Thai, peanut curry, Tom Yam Goong and others — and some specialties, including Three Flavors Salmon, deep-fried Alaskan sockeye topped with garlic, onions, tomatoes, bell pepper, pineapple chunks and a special sauce. In addition, it offers specialty beverages such as Thai iced tea and coffee.

"We've always had people come to the house for Thai food," said Bill Blackler, who met his wife while on a business trip in Bangkok several years ago.

The two started dating three years ago, and Nisa immigrated to America about 10 months ago.

"We'd been in here about a year or longer," said Bill, who's lived on the North Coast most his life and works for Marlen International, the global food processing equipment company that acquired Warrenton's Carruthers Equipment Co. "We talked with Kim about the possibility of doing something here in the future."

After their marriage, he said, they ran into Kim at a secondhand store, heard of her exit from the business about eight months ago and worked out a deal for Nisa's to take over. Fuhrmann still visits her old business, enjoying Nisa's cooking.

"Everything's good to me," said Fuhrmann. "I don't even know what it is."

The Blacklers have brought in a Thai chef as a consultant to help launch the restaurant, and they're receiving help from Nisa's sister and still in the process of setting a website up. Nisa's, which can be found on Facebook, is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, includes a takeout menu and can be reached at 503-861-5645.

### Fred Meyer in Warrenton renovation nearing completion

April 18 set as grand opening date for 40,000 sq. ft. expansion

WARRENTON — If you haven't seen it yet, check out the new Fred Meyer facilities in Warrenton where renovation are is nearing completion in advance of the April 18 grand opening.

The vast and airy new entryway opens onto an amazing display of fresh produce and a sushi island. The 40,000 square-foot addition expands the store to about 185,000 square-feet and brings widened aisles, more products and additional check stand.s

"We're at the tail end now," said Store Manager Justin Downs of the store's \$18-million remodel, which has seen the existing store departments rearranged, parking lots shut down and an entirely new grocery section added onto the western edge of the store.

The project started in October 2012 with expansion of the store's fuel center. Construction of the extension to the north started in June, when crews cracked and cleared the parking lot north of the store for

the new grocery section.

In September, the store's main parking lot to the north shut down, forcing customers through a fenced corridor and into a temporary entrance cut out from a wall near the pharmacy.

The Warrenton branch employs more than 280 people during summer peak seasons and will top 300 after the project. The store draws customers from as far south as Tillamook and as far north as Raymond, Wash., along with hordes of tourists vacationing nearby. Its last remodel was in 2001, and it is the only Fred Meyer Store in its district currently undergoing expansion. It often is the busiest store in its district, which includes branches throughout the Portland metro area.

Fred Meyer, a Portland-based grocery company bought by Cincinnati-based Kroger Corp. in 1999, spent \$200 million in 2013 on remodeling stores in Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Idaho.



An expanded produce section greets shoppers near the newly remodeled north entry of the Warrenton Fred Meyer store. — ALEX PAJUNAS PHOTO



Coast Realty, 586 S. Main Ave. in Warrenton. -- SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Coast Realty Property celebrates grand opening in renovated office

WARRENTON — Coast Realty Properties held its grand opening in early February, celebrating its newly remodeled home and three new agents in the building.

Principal broker Sandi Bennett opened the office in January 2013 after eight years as a broker in Seaside. She worked for Coldwell Banker Kent Price Realty, and decided to open her own office when the principal broker at Price retired and closed up shop.

Bennett and her husband, David, owned a building at 586 S. Main in Warrenton and realized it would be an excellent location for her real estate office. He had been using the building for his TV repair shop.

They hired contractor Robert Stineman for the remodeling but completed much of the work themselves.

"May I add, I am so, so, thankful that it is

now completed," she said. "No more will I be covered in drywall dust with my entire body full of pain. I can say being actively involved in a complete building remodel has given me a lot of knowledge of building materials, design, and the means of production."

Joining Bennett in the office are Dorrie Caruana, Kathy Whitsett and Elizabeth Marxer.

Bennett said the office normally covers real estate from Manzanita to the Brownsmead area.

"I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve you with any real estate need that you have," she said. "I can help you purchase any home listed through any company in Clatsop and Tillamook County."

Call Coastal Realty Properties at 503-861-2424 or visit www.coastrealtyproperties.com











## Spring flowers in county, and so does housing

### Builders, agents adjust to the market

New home

development in

Clatsop County is

largely based

By EDWARD STRATTON The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON - Along Kalmia Avenue, on the western edge of Warrenton in the Juniper Ridge development, several houses pop up out of the sandy soil in various stages of bloom. In the last three weeks, several have started. Some have foundations, others have floors to stand on, some have frames standing and others are receiving the finishing touches inside.

"We're building homes for Clat-

sop County's working families," said Cary Johnson, owner of CT Johnson Inc. and one of about five general contractors working in Juniper Ridge. and police officers. and fishermen and

loggers - pretty much a broad crosssection of every type of person in Clatsop County.'

It's seen as one of the epicenters of affordable home construction in Clatsop County, throughout which members of the construction and real estate industries are showing cautious optimism that the new-house market is turning a corner and especially strong this spring.

"I talk to people, and they say,

'Well; the interest rates are great, and the homes are still affordable."" said Gil Gramson, whose family has owned the property for more than 30 years and started the Juniper ridge project in 2006. "They are looking at buying.'

The neighborhood is planned for 75 lots, of which about 35 have homes on them. Prices in the neighborhood are fairly stable and range from \$205,000 to \$235,000, said Gramson. The area has been able to avoid any foreclosures, and he said it's only experienced a couple second

sales. In other words. people move into their houses and stay.

New home development in Clatsop County is largely based around Warrenton. driven by affordable "We have teachers, around Warrenton, land and nearby commercial development. Other developments,

such as The Reserve at Gearhart, are also seeing a jump in activity.

"Just about three months ago, we started selling lots again at a pretty good rate - about three a month." said Tim Regan, a broker and marketing manager for the Reserve. adding that about 30 of the development's 130 planned lots have houses on them. "Some have been to individuals, and some to builders. It shows they can get financing and



ALEX PAJUNAS - The Daily Astorian

Construction crews add siding onto the second floor of a home in The Reserve at Gearhart housing development Monday.

they have confidence that people will buy their houses.

"I just think there's been a lot of extra money sitting on the sideline for the last two years, waiting for the bottom."

He added that he expects home values countywide to climb about 2, to 3 percent per year in the near future.

Realtors Bree Phillips and Marianne Pittard of RE/MAX River & Sea both called this "the year of stabilization."

"That's truly where the growth is, in the Warrenton market," said Pittard. "The reason is the affordable price point."

By contrast, Astoria, already built

out for the most part, has had about nine permits for new single-family dwellings from 2011 to present.

"People are fixing up what they have rather than buying new." said City Planner Rosemary Johnson about the housing market of Astoria,

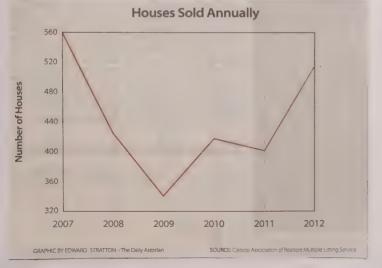
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Terra Praxis Construction's Ben Kandoll, of Amboy, Wash., works on the exterior of a home in Warrenton's Juniper Ridge subdivision Tuesday.



Cary Johnson, the owner of CT Johnson Inc., calls to arrange a final building inspection in order to receive an occupancy permit for a new home on Kalmia Avenue in Warrenton's Juniper Ridge subdivision Tuesday.



### Housing: Key for builders is getting land at the right price

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adding that a glut of foreclosures on the market and a focus on compact and multifamily dwellings negate the sprawl, such as that in Warrenton.

Phillips said countywide, there are about 500 homes new and existing - on the market, and in places like Warrenton, almost half of the 11 sales so far in 2013 are for newly constructed houses.

Countywide, according to the Clatsop Association of Realtors' database, there were 515 single- and multiple-family dwellings sold in Clatsop County in 2012, up more than 200 from 2009. There were also 343 new residential listings in the first quarter of 2013, the highest number

#### Builders, agents adjust to the market

"Just like turning off a faucet, things in 2007 just stopped completely," said Regan.

Driving past a miniature mansion in the Reserve fronting the Gearhart Golf Links, he gave a stark assessment of how far the real estate market has fallen. The house sold for \$1.25 million in 2007 - and again for \$510,000 in 2011.

"The prices were reduced ... 70 percent from the original listed price," he said about lots at the Reserve.

He joined the Reserve team of brokers four years ago. The development started in 2007, split about 50-50 between locals and second-homeowners, but the ownership group from Seattle had expected to sell all the lots by now. It's situated in a prime location between two golf courses, Oregon silverspot butterfly habitat owned by the Nature Conservancy and the opulent Pinehurst development to the west

In the past 30 to 90 days, Regan saw things at the Reserve turn around, with five pending sales currently.

"I think builders being able to get the financing for spec building was the main thing, because once the builders could build houses, then people were buying houses," said Regan, adding that the key for builders is getting a plot of land to build on at the right price, to which the Reserve obliged.

With home buyers focused on value, developments such as the Reserve have experienced more fluctuations than in working-class neighborhoods such as Juniper Ridge, which Gramson said has experienced price drops of about 15 to 20 percent from 2007.

"It's just a matter of value, I think," said Johnson, adding that why builders might have cut back on the finishing touches in the interior, they don't skimp on the structural materials. "We have to make sure their houses are built to last and that people are happy with them.'

"It just helps purchasing power, when everybody works together," said Mark Korpi, an in-law of the Johnson family who owns North Coast Classic Homes. "You get



ALEX PAJUNAS - The Daily Astorian

Terra Praxis Construction's Nick Floyd, of Vancouver, Wash., uses a nail gun to attach sheets of plywood to the trusses atop a home being built on Kalmia Avenue in Warrenton's Juniper Ridge subdivision Tuesday,

good, happy (subcontractors) that want to work for you.

"They get paid. You're not always in bidding wars with people.

Korpi added that the closeknit group has also helped them weather hard times. when finishing houses and paying everyone sometimes became tougher.

Johnson said there are maybe half the builders operating in Clatsop County than there were in 2007, as many outfits that dabbled in home construction found other ventures after the market crashed.

When asked whether the recent recovery in new housing is a blip or a sustained recovery. Regan unsuccessfully searched for the crystal ball in his office desk drawer, adding that there's now way to tell.

"Things have been starting to improve fairly rapidly," said Johnson, who has four new homes under construction. "So it's really hard to know how it's going to look for the really long term. Short-term, things look pretty good – looks like it's going to be a good summer."

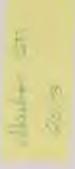


ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian Mike Reedy, middle, of Scappoose, and his wife, Jimmle Samuels, tour a home in The Reserve at Gearhart development with Marketing Manager and Broker Tim Regan Monday.

















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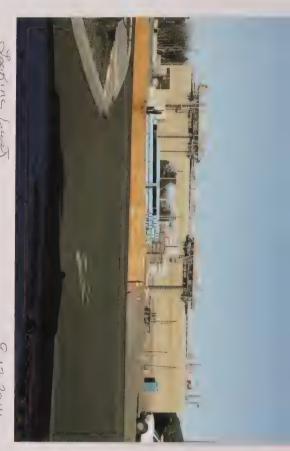




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June 20, 2017

Dear Tenants.

We are excited to share with you that we will have a new tenant joining us at North Coast Shops, formerly named Young's Bay Plaza. We are beginning construction for Natural Grocers to open with us in 2018. I have listed the link to their website below, please take a moment to see who your new neighbor will be.

#### https://www.naturalgrocers.com/

We are looking forward to taking this time to also update the Monument Signs at both entrances. A fresh updated look for these will be finished this coming Fall.

As with all construction, there will be associated noise and additional activity throughout the center. Alegis Construction will be performing all the work related with bringing Natural Grocers to the North Coast Shops. A few tenants will also be moving within the center. Perfect Look will be relocated next to Starbucks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dimension will be relocating next to Natural Grocers and AAA will be relocating to the former 3<sup>rd</sup> Dimension & former Gannaway space.

Attached you will find an updated site plan for the center as well as a Google Maps photo showing where most of the impact will take place. During this process, we will work with Alegis to ensure this work does not disrupt you as much as possible. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation in advance.

My card is attached as well as all contact information listed below. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have over the next five or so months. I will do my best to keep everyone updated as we progress and let you know of any events that may take place.

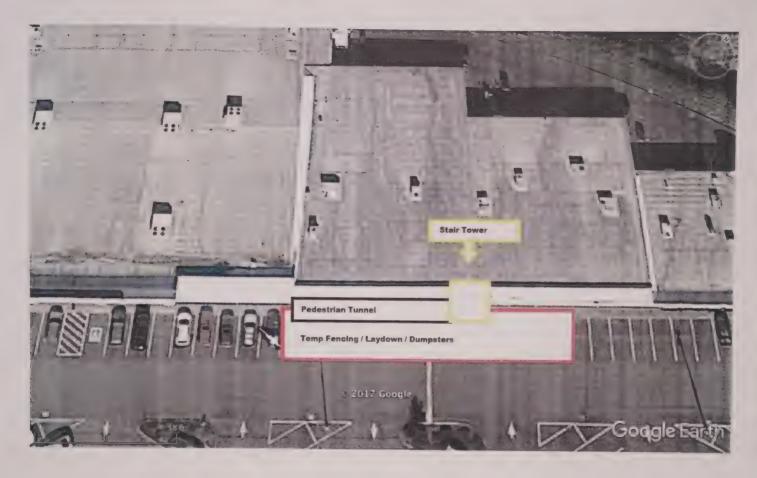
Thank you all for your continued tenancy with North Coast Shops!

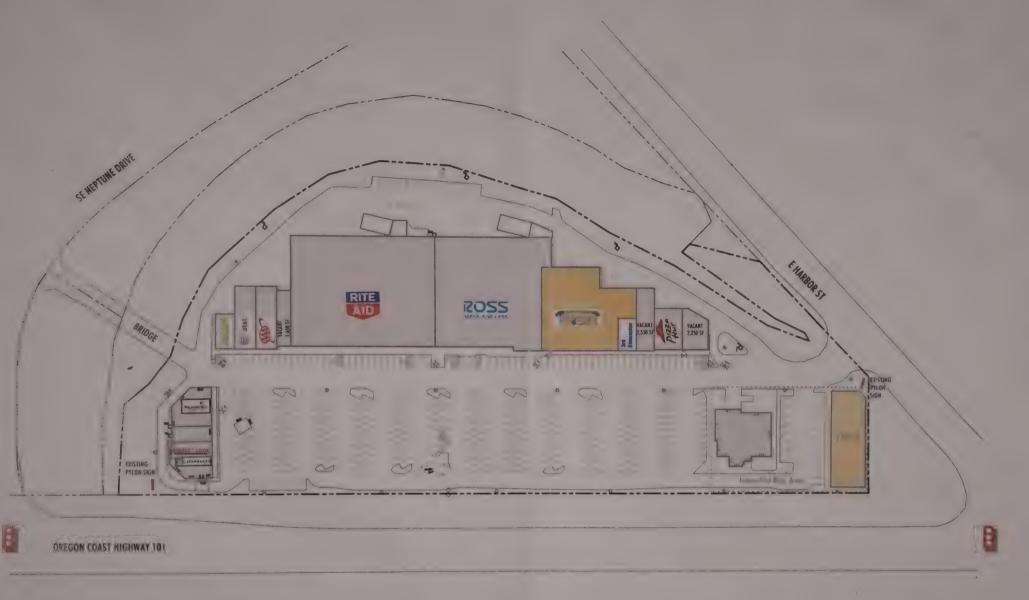
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# Fort Pointe gets nod from panel

Nearly 500 homes will go in across from entrance to Fort Stevens State Park

> By CINDY YINGST The Columbia Press

Developers of Fort Pointe, who plan to put 480 homes along Ridge Road, say they'll move quickly to get their project built now that the city's Planning Commission has given them the green light.

"We would like to do it as soon as possible," said Andres Miramontes of Newport Beach, Calif., a partner in the project. "Given the immediate need for housing, we would like to

come on line as soon as possible."

The project will be built as a planned-unit development, which means the entire 277-acre parcel is proposed in its entirety. From the city's point of view, the zone designation provides some cohesion in design and construction. For the builder, it means the project can be done in phases and doesn't need to return to the city for approval with each phase.

The large parcel can be viewed as a whole, with houses, roads and utilities on the more buildable portions and a large part that can be left undeveloped as wetlands. Had construction occurred under the various zones previously attached to the property, more than 900 dwelling units could have gone in, said Skip Urling, Warrenton's Community Development director.

"This is going to be a good project and Lord knows we need the housing," Urling told the Planning Commission. "But there are some issues that need to be addressed."

Twenty-nine, in fact.

Chief among them is the city code requirement to build a park for children within the development. Builders had been relying on the soccer complex south of the project and Fort Stevens with its many acres of trails to qualify

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### Fort Pointe: Project proposed between KOA, soccer fields

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as parks for the project.

"I really don't think it fulfills the code to think a kid is going to get on his bike and ride across Ridge Road to use the trails at Fort Stevens," Planning Commissioner Paul Mitchell said. "We keep building things and forgetting about where our kids are going to go."

Another concern for commissioners was whether the rolled curbs proposed in the project would cause parking on the sidewalks and other problems. Glen Bolen, a project manager for Otak, said the company plans to put grass between the curbs and the sidewalks.

"I think we're all in favor of the development. It's awesome. Go do it," Commissioner Ryan Lampi said. "We're just down to the small concerns. Just because it's grass doesn't mean they're not going to park on it."

One member of the public came to speak against the

project.

Scott Ambrose, a shepherd at the Tagg Ranch, urged planning commissioners to require environmental and flood studies before approv-

ing the project.

"There are 12,000 to 15,000 ducks in the estuary between Ridge Road and the Tagg farm," Ambrose said. "I believe 11th Street will flood and we need to see what impact it would have on the habitat and what impact it would have on the ducks.'

Since much of the project property will be left as wetlands, there will be a couple hundred acres between the development and the ranch, which raises organic beef and sheep.

Otak, which is in charge of the project, specializes in hydrology, City Engineer Collin Stelzig said.

"This is, basically, a sand



dune and there is lots of infiltration and, once you get the project in there, there will be more run-off more quickly," Stelzig said. "There are processes that can be done to minimize that.... If it is shown there are problems created with this development, they will make whatever improvements are necessary."

The wetlands likely will be donated to a land conservancy, Miramontes said.

Added Otak's Bolen: "We are bound by Oregon law to not create storm-water impacts on other people's prop-

Plans are to build in four phases within four years.

The project was approved unanimously, subject to the builder satisfying the 29 development issues, which ranged from ensuring a fire truck could turn around in a cul-de-sac to ensuring the city has access to the storm system for maintenance.

### Three injured when boats collide

Two boats collided near Tansv Point over the weekend, injuring three and resulting in the arrest of one of the boat operators.

Marlin Larsen, 74, who lives in Roseburg but has building several projects in Hammond, was arrestfor operation, three

counts of reckless endangerment and three counts of fourth-degree assault. He was cited and released.

Three men were trolling for salmon in the area aboard a 20-foot aluminum Weldcraft about 8:30 a.m. Aug. 12 when a 31-foot fiberglass Bayliner Trophy headed into their vessel, according to the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol.

The three people who were salmon trolling jumped into the Columbia River just be-



reckless Both boats were damaged in the collision.

fore the collision, according to the sheriff's report. Several other boaters in the area quickly came to their aid.

Christopher McMahon, 45, Bryan Maess, 47, and Roni Durham, 57, were treated at Columbia Memorial Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

Larsen and his two passengers, Adam Forrester, 20, and Timothy Forrester, 52, were not injured.

The Weldcraft sustained major damage.



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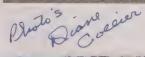
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Developer Joe Barnes said the 5th Street Flats, his new 30-unit apartment complex behind the Astoria Recreation Center, has been full since opening a couple of months ago.

# Apartments sprout amid building boom along the North Coast

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## New units slowly meet demand

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

n December, residents began moving into the 34 units in the first phase of developer Richard Krueger's Pacific Rim Apartments near the North Coast Retail Center in Warrenton.

Joe Barnes' 5th Street Flats, a new 30-unit complex just behind the Astoria Recreation Center, has been at or near full capacity since coming online

a couple of months ago.

While the North Coast has added its largest number of apartments in recent memory, other large-scale projects have languished amid higher construction costs and a labor force stretched by a post-recession building boom.

Krueger has among the most proven track records for builders in Clatsop County. He developed the 30-unit Edgewater at Mill Pond Apartments for seniors in Astoria in 2011 and 24 units in the market-rate Yacht Club Apartments on Marine Drive in 2014, along with a second phase of 36 apartments in 2016.

Krueger was rebuffed in attempts to build higher-density housing on the former Central School site in Astoria, and next to Lewis and Clark Elementary School south of the city, before he moved on to the Pacific Rim proje



Laurie Willey, site manager at Krueger Property Management, shows off a basement unit at the Pacific Rim Apartments, which recently opened the first of two buildings, each with 34 units.

ect in Warrenton.

"I would say it takes a lot of patience," he said.

The second building of Pacific Rim is slated to come online in February or March depending on weather, adding another 34 units. Krueger is also hoping to break ground this year on more than 30 single-family housing lots on the site next to Lewis and Clark.

Laurie Willey, Krueger's local property manager, said there are still more than 20 units available in the first building in Warrenton, with a waitlist of people wanting to get in. "I get several calls a day, mostly from out of the area," she said.

Barnes said the 5th Street Flats have been full since opening. He is already planning to break ground early this year on a second phase, adding 12 more units, while also negotiating to buy a building downtown with 10 more rental units.

Barnes' and Krueger's apartments took longer to open than they preferred. But like other developers, they are facing a construction market busier than ever coming out of the Great Recession, with rock-bottom unemployment rates and a labor force stretched thin.

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'THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT SHORTAGE OF CONSTRUCTION LABORERS, CARPENTERS AND FOREMEN IN THE LOCAL LABOR POOL. IT WOULD BE CHALLENGING IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO HIRE LOCALLY ENOUGH LABOR TO PERFORM THOSE LARGER MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS.'

Jared Rickenbach | a local contractor

# Apartments: Several large development applications in Warrenton have languished

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"The biggest challenge in general right now in the industry ... is getting help," Barnes said.

Barnes finished an almost identical project to the 5th Street Flats in Lincoln City in 2016. The costs for the Astoria project have gone up 34 percent by comparison, he said, in part because of a shortage of workers and more expensive materials. He also pointed to the Federal Reserve's recent decision to increase interest rates for borrowers as a damper on investment in new housing.

Kevin Cronin, the community development director in Warrenton, said the slow progress on large multifamily projects is partially because of the lack of local contractors big enough to move such developments forward.

"It's labor shortage and the bandwidth of the local contracting community," Cronin said. "That's the biggest stumbling block to our housing crisis."

Jared Rickenbach, a local contractor and board member with the North Coast Building Industry Association, said that of the approximately 500 general contractors on the North Coast, maybe one or two are big enough to take on large apartment complexes.

"There is a significant shortage of construction laborers, carpenters and foremen in the local labor pool," he said. "It would be challenging if not impossible to hire locally enough labor to perform those larger multifamily projects."



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Residents recently started moving into the first 34 units of the Pacific Rim Apartments in Warrenton.

Cronin's office has several applications for large developments around Warrenton that have so far languished.

#### Growth in Warrenton

Local contractor Jason Palmberg received conditional use approval in March for a 66-unit complex across U.S. Highway 101 from Ocean Crest Chevrolet, but has yet to begin groundwork. The delay is largely because he's already been busy helping to build Barnes' apartments, Palmberg said.

He hopes to begin construction on his complex in the spring, with plans to bring the apartments online in 2020, hopefully as other complexes fill up and demand stays high.

"You don't want to have all that stuff come online at the same," he said.

Fort Pointe, the largest potential multifamily project in Clatsop County, has been been trudging along in starts and stops since Texas-based builder 210 Devel-

opment Group purchased the property in 2006. The project promises about 300 housing units, including 130 apartments, 50 single-family homes and more than 100 smaller-lot homes in a higher-density new urbanist model similar to the Mill Pond neighborhood in Astoria.

"We try to sensitively design a project and set aside a tremendous amount of open space," said Mark Tolley, a principal in 210 Development Group. "That type of master planning takes time."

Labor and materials have gone up because of shortages, he said, but the demand for multifamily housing on the North Coast remains strong, and people should expect some fairly substantial announcements regarding Fort Pointe in the near future, Tolley said.

#### Strong demand

Local hotelier and developer Antoine Simmons scrapped his plans for the

37-unit Skipanon River Apartments near downtown Warrenton more than a year ago, citing construction costs. But the property recently changed hands, and local developer Randy Stemper said he is pursuing the same project, meeting with the new owners in the coming weeks on how to proceed.

Builders Cary and Stan Johnson were recently approved for a 120-unit multifamily complex on 22 lots near Tongue Point Job Corps Center. The project is expected to be built out in 2020.

Developers said they see plenty of opportunity for more multifamily housing in the region, albeit with the usual challenges of working through permitting and finding workers.

After hiring consultants for a housing needs analysis, Krueger said, there are at least two more possibilities for multifamily projects. "There's definitely more opportunities for growth in Warrenton," he said.

### What a party!

On Feb. 13, the Warrenton Centennial Committee threw a birthday party – and those invited came! More than 200 people showed up to help celebrate the end of Warrenton's first 100 years and the beginning of the second 100. Everyone had a good time, and those planning the event were very gratified at the turnout.

The committee worked hard over the past eight months to plan and facilitate the centennial events, and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of every committee member.

Chuck Thompson has been there whenever needed, and made sure the

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potbellied stove at the Lighthouse Museum was stoked and glowing before our various meetings and gatherings; Chuck and Betty Manke helped get out the word by distributing fliers; Chris Bridgens organized and coordinated a very successful Centennial Tea in September; Barbara Balensifer and Linda Giddings retyped old, illegible newspaper articles about early Warrenton and Hammond; Carol Shepherd, Bert Little, Marcella Lindsev, and Fred Warren helped with suggestions during our brainstorming sessions: Tami Aho arranged for pennants to be sold at Main Street Market and represented the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce on the committee. Linda Giddings arranged for the beautifully decorated cakes at the party; she also helped setup for the event and clean up afterwards. Terri Arnall worked long and hard before, during and after the party, arranging for the refreshments and guest book, finding door prizes and running last-minute errands. Without these dedicated individuals, the Centennial Celebration would not have happened.

Even though the birthday party now belongs to the past, there are several Centennial Year Projects that we are just getting under way. A Warrenton community calendar for the year 2000 will be printed and ready for sale by early fall; a Warrenton community cookbook is also slated for completion before the holidays; a time capsule will be filled and ready to be sealed at the dedication of the new Warrenton Municipal Building later this year; and a series of afternoon coffees will continue to bring long-time Warrenton-Hammond residents together to reminisce about long-gone days in our com-

munity.

Information about these projects will be announced in the media or may be found by calling Pat Williams at 861-1208 or Diane Collier at 861-2450

Again, we would like to thank everyone who donated time, muscle, photos, memorabilia, memories or any of the multitude of things that contributed to the success of our Centen-

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